SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5229**

			6	1			2	
4	5				7		9	
		8					1	
		9	5		3			1
3	1	4		2				5
5		6						4
	4	3	8			6		
				6		7		
			7	5				

TRICKY **B5229**

2	8			7	3	1	4	
		4		6			3	
	7							
5	3							
					4		9	
	2		9		8	6		
	6		7					
		3	2	8				
						5	1	

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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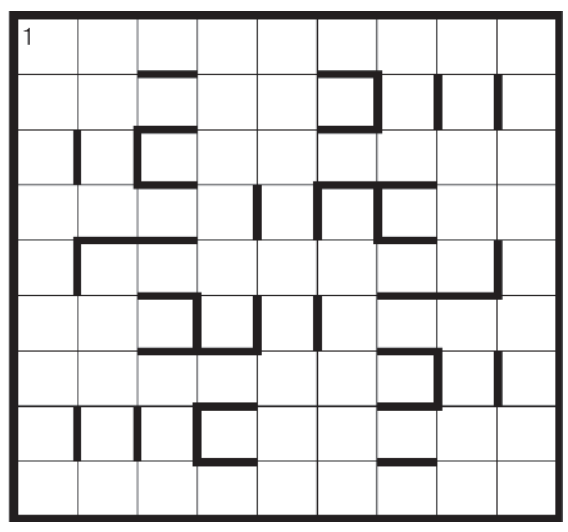
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

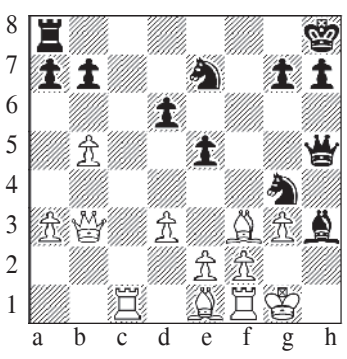
1 Courage (9)
Achieve an aim (7)
Fever lost (anag.) (9)
Emotion (7)
Pumas (7)
Ancient Italians (6)
Hooligan (4)
Sample (3)
Resilient type (6)
Actress, _ Thurman (3)
Cog (4)



DOWN

1 Very alarming or horrifying (9)
Light crinkled fabric (5)
Flow out slowly (4)
Guidance system (3,3)
Supernatural being (3)
Midge _, singer and musician (3)
Judges or considers (5)
Imperils (9)
Star sign (6)
With identity concealed (9)
Operator (4)

CHESS



BLACK FORCES MATE

HINT: FIND TWO MATE THREATS.

Solution:
1. ... Bg2! (threatens both ... Qh1 and ... Qh2 mate)
[Koneru-Waters, '14].

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 17;

Very good 26;

Excellent 34 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

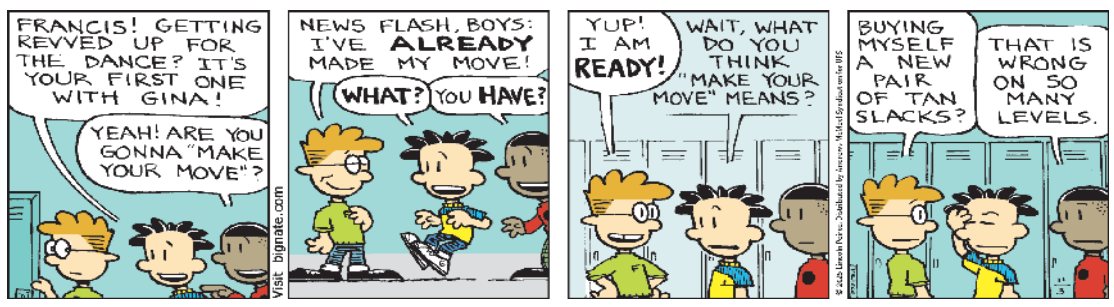
SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

TORMENTOR

mentor metro mono moon moor moot mooter more morn moron mote motet motor motte motto norm omen ormer room roomer term tome torment TORMENTOR totem tremor

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


FRANCIS! GETTING REVVED UP FOR THE DANCE? IT'S YOUR FIRST ONE WITH GINA!
YEAH! ARE YOU GONNA "MAKE YOUR MOVE"?
NEWS FLASH, BOYS: I'VE ALREADY MADE MY MOVE!
WHAT? YOU HAVE?
YUP! I AM READY!
WAIT, WHAT DO YOU THINK "MAKE YOUR MOVE" MEANS?
BUYING MYSELF A NEW PAIR OF TAN SLACKS?
THAT IS WRONG ON SO MANY LEVELS.
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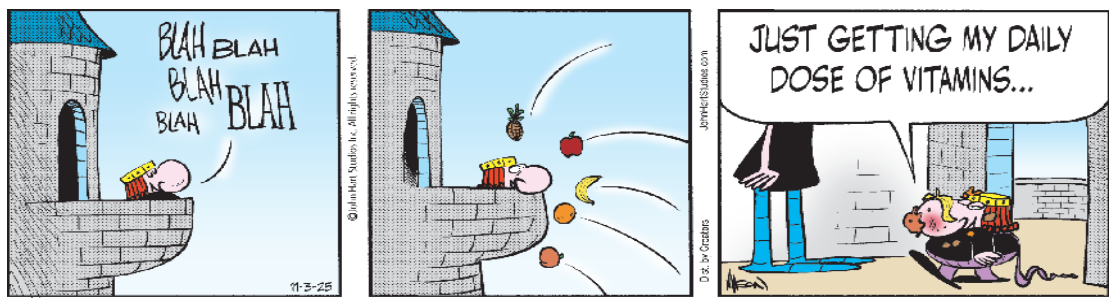
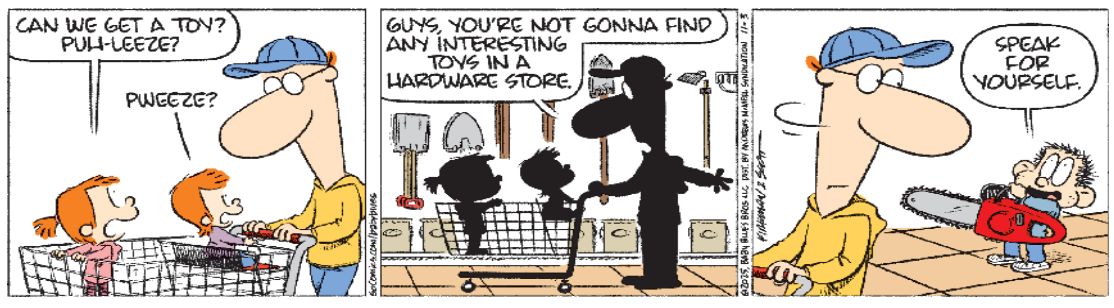
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:45pm	05:17pm	05:51pm	05:14pm	05:22pm	05:49pm
Sunrise	06:35am	06:26am	06:40am	06:18am	06:33am	06:43am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	17	31	Sunny	66	16	29	Sunny	13	27	Sunny
Hyderabad	18	36	Sunny	67	17	36	Sunny	16	33	Sunny
Islamabad	16	28	Sunny	56	12	24	Th-Storms	11	24	Sunny
Lahore	18	31	Sunny	64	16	30	Sunny	15	28	Sunny
Multan	16	31	Sunny	64	16	30	Sunny	15	28	Sunny
Peshawar	15	28	Mainly Sunny	63	11	22	Showers	10	24	Sunny
Quetta	7	21	Sunny	37	3	17	Sunny	4	18	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
NOTABLY

(NOTABLY: NOH-tih-blee: Especially; particularly.)

Average mark 10 words
Time limit 20 minutes

Can you find 18 or more words in NOTABLY?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — DISSEMBLED

deed	seed	embed	beside
deem	seem	meddle	bide
deism	semi	meld	bile
dele	side	melded	bled
deli	sidle	mess	bleed
demise	sled	messed	bless
diel	slid	middle	blessed
diesel	slide	mild	bliss
dime	slim	mile	less
dissemble	slime	misdeed	lied
idem	smile	misled	limb
ides	eddies	miss	lime
idle	edible	missed	
idlesse	elide	bedside	
isle	else	belie	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1 Spearhead
7 Poem
8 Wince
10 Des
11 Tenner
13 Cathedral
14 Advert
16 Ear
18 Chile
19 Emir
20 Kimberley.

DOWN

1 Spot check
2 Pose as
3 Amen
4 Hip
5 Endures
6 Desultory
8 Wheedle
9 Interim
12 Sarnie
15 Veer
17 Alb.

METRO EVENTS

PRESENTATION

'Me and My work', a presentation by Niharika Momtaz from Bangladesh as jewellery and textile designer, is held at 2nd floor, Academic Building, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 2pm.

EXHIBITIONS

As part of the World Culture Festival, artists from diverse styles and mediums express their love for the Earth under the title of 'The Earth Song' at the Arts Council of Pakistan, at 5pm.

The Vasl Artists' Association in collaboration with SARAI Gallery, Iran, holds an exhibition titled 'After the Wounds' by Azin Zolfaghari at the Vasl Gallery, D-53/1, Street 1, Clifton Block 5. The show will continue till Nov 6.

CONFERENCE

The four-day Pakistan International Maritime Expo & Conference (PIMEC 2025) begins at Hall 1, Expo Centre Karachi, at 10am.

SCHOLARSHIP

The 'Scholarship Award Ceremony 2025' is held at KUBS Auditorium, University of Karachi, at 11am, by the Students Financial Aid Office in collaboration with the University of Karachi Alumni Houston Association.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** This is a feel-good day! Focus on home, family and your private life, and look for ways to use your resources or the resources of someone else to help someone, especially someone in a hospital, jail or a sequestered situation. You want to make a difference. Tonight: You're in charge.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

***** Today you have a wonderful opportunity to work with a close friend, spouse or partner to make a difference in the lives of someone, especially someone in need. You might work with a charitable group to get the best results for your efforts. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** You'll find it rewarding today if you can help a co-worker or someone in need. This will be a gratifying experience for you. Look for ways to show a small kindness or an act of generosity. Remember: True generosity is giving what is needed. Tonight: Friendships.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

***** You are a sensitive, nurturing sign. Today you can help children who are near or far away. You also might look for ways to improve something in the arts or sports so that everything unfolds more easily for everyone. Tonight: You're noticed.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Today you feel sympathetic toward a family member, which is why you will help them or improve their situation. Whatever you are able to do will be a rewarding experience for you, plus, what goes around, comes around. Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

***** This is a busy, fast-paced time. You're keen to speak up and share your ideas, which you will do in a convincing way. Look for opportunities to help someone in need, or make a donation or volunteer for a charity. It will make you feel good if you can do anything to benefit someone else today. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Today you'll be happy to share what you have with someone less fortunate. You might make a donation to a worthy cause or give money to someone on the street. You might buy food for someone. Your generosity will be a win-win situation. Tonight: Listen.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

***** You have strong feelings of altruism or wanting to help others today, which is why it's important that you find an opportunity to do so. You might help children. You might help a romantic partner. You might help a stranger. Look for these opportunities. Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Today you want privacy or a chance to work alone or behind the scenes. Nevertheless, Mercury is in your sign boosting your desire to talk to others and become engaged in situations around you. This is why you will look for ways to be helpful and kind to someone. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** This is the perfect day to volunteer for a charitable organization or any group that is doing something to benefit those who are less fortunate. Basically, you want to help someone today. You want to feel that what you're doing is worthwhile. (It's for your own self-respect.) Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** Aquarians want to save the world before bedtime. (You start petitions and join unions.) You want to make the world a better place. Today your ability to do this will be public in some way, which is a good thing, because others will admire you. You will also set a worthy example. Tonight: Discussions.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

***** Look for ways to be kind and helpful to others today. These might be small acts of kindness or they could be major. Your interest in particular might be related to foreign countries and other cultures. Or you might help someone who is right next door. Tonight: Check your belongings.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K Q
♥ Q 10 6 5 2
♦ J 7
♣ K 8 3

WEST
♠ 6 5 2
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ A K 8 6
♣ Q 10

EAST
♠ 10 9 8 7 3
♥ --
♦ 9 4 2
♣ J 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ J 4
♥ A J 7 3
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A 9 7

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Dble
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Opening lead -- king of diamonds.

If you look at all four hands, you might wonder how declarer managed to go down one at four hearts. But the fact is that he did, and, furthermore, it's likely that most declarers playing the hand would have suffered the same fate.

The bidding was normal, and so was the opening lead of the king of diamonds. But something unusual occurred when East played the nine on the king at trick one, and then the deuce on the ace at trick two. When West next led the six of diamonds, declarer, having observed East's high-low signal, presumably indicating a doubleton, naturally ruffed with dummy's ten to avoid the possibility of East overruffing dummy with a low trump.

But to everyone's surprise, including his partner's, East unexpectedly produced the four of diamonds at trick three. When declarer next led the heart deuce from dummy, East showed out, and South, to his chagrin, found that he had to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

East was Ira G. Corn, highly successful Dallas industrialist and financier who also distinguished himself in the world of bridge during the '60s and '70s. He certainly had no high cards to work with against four hearts, and yet there is no doubt that he single-handedly defeated the contract without taking a trick!

Without Corn's imaginative high-low play in diamonds, declarer would have lost only one trump trick and so would have made four hearts. Aside from the K-9-8-4 West actually had, there were several other trump holdings he might have had that would have brought about South's defeat if he could be induced to ruff high in dummy on the third diamond lead. The little white lie told by Corn thus had everything to gain and almost nothing to lose.

Tomorrow: The better way.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5228

8	6	9	4	3	7	2	5	1
4	1	7	2	8	5	9	3	6
3	5	2	1	6	9	4	7	8
6	2	8	3	7	4	5	1	9
5	9	3	6	1	2	8	4	7
7	4	1	9	5	8	6	2	3
1	7	5	8	2	6	3	9	4
2	8	4	7	9	3	1	6	5
9	3	6	5	4	1	7	8	2

Tricky — B5228

2	1	5	8	6	9	7	4	3
3	9	6	4	7	5	8	2	1
8	4	7	2	1	3	5	6	9
6	2	8	7	9	1	3	5	4
4	7	1	5	3	2	9	8	6
9	5	3	6	4	8	1	7	2
5	6	9	1	2	7	4	3	8
7	3	2	9	8	4	6	1	5
1	8	4	3	5	6	2	9	7